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SENATE MEMORIAL 22

49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2010

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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING MINE THAT BIRD AS "NEW MEXICO HORSE OF THE YEAR FOR 2009".

WHEREAS, Mine That Bird was foaled on May 10, 2006; and

WHEREAS, he is the son of 2004 Belmont stakes winner Birdstone, the grandson of 1996 Kentucky derby winner Grindstone and the great-grandson of 1990 Kentucky derby winner Unbridled; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Leonard Blach of Roswell and Mark Allen, owner of Double Eagle ranch in Roswell, purchased Mine That Bird in October 2008 and formed the partnership Buena Suerte Equine; and

WHEREAS, Buena Suerte Equine sent Mine That Bird to Santa Anita racetrack to train under Richard Mandella to run in California and in Canada, where he won several stakes races;

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2 WHEREAS, Buena Suerte Equine then turned Mine That Bird
3 over to trainer "Chip" Woolley, Jr., who took the horse to
4 Sunland Park racetrack and casino for further training and
5 racing; and

6 WHEREAS, Mine That Bird ran second in Sunland Park
7 racetrack and casino's Borderland derby and fourth in the
8 Sunland derby, after which he was sent to Louisville, Kentucky,
9 to run in the Kentucky derby; and

10 WHEREAS, Mine That Bird won the Kentucky derby by six and
11 three-quarters lengths, winning one hundred one dollars twenty
12 cents (\$101.20) on a two-dollar (\$2.00) bet in one of the
13 greatest longshot winning efforts in the one hundred twenty
14 years of the Kentucky derby; and

15 WHEREAS, Mine That Bird then ran second in the Preakness
16 stakes and third in the Belmont stakes, bringing his total
17 graded stakes winnings to two million one hundred thousand
18 dollars (\$2,100,000) and counting, as he continues to train for
19 future races; and

20 WHEREAS, the triple crown achievement of Mine That Bird
21 brought the state of New Mexico, Sunland Park racetrack and
22 casino and the New Mexico horse racing industry positive
23 worldwide publicity;

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
25 OF NEW MEXICO that Mine That Bird be recognized as "New Mexico

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1 Horse of the Year for 2009" for his outstanding achievement;
2 and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that congratulations and thanks be
4 extended to Buena Suerte Equine, Dr. Leonard Blach, Mark Allen
5 and "Chip" Woolley, Jr., for their outstanding achievement and
6 for representing the state of New Mexico and providing
7 tremendous positive publicity for New Mexico horse racing; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
9 transmitted to the governor, Buena Suerte Equine, the New
10 Mexico racing commission and Sunland Park racetrack and casino.